

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 16 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A protective undergarment, comprising:

an outer layer of fluid-resistant material shaped to conform to the buttock and leg region of a user;

an anchor layer secured to the outer layer and having a shape conforming to that of the outer layer; and

an inner layer of fluid-resistant material with all sides [folded] extending inward [and interconnected] to form a pocket attached to the anchor layer.

16. (Amended) A protective undergarment, comprising:

a first, outer layer of fluid-resistant material;

a second layer of material having its peripheral edge attached to the first layer, having a shape conforming to that of the first layer and having a central opening;

a third layer of material attached only at its outer edge by an elastic strip to the second layer and extending beneath the opening toward the [second] first layer, the third layer being proportioned relative to the opening such as to form a pocket beneath the second layer that is larger than the opening.

Please add the following new claims to the application: